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Northeast

Massachusetts
— Capt. David

Savage was honored as the senior member of the year for 1995 by the Beverly Composite Squadron of the Massachusetts Wing.

Savage received the honor for his outstanding commitment to aerospace education and Cadet Programs in the squadron.

Savage is currently the aerospace education officer. In this capacity he uses his FAA instructors certification to conduct flight training for cadets and senior members.

Savage conducts ground school training at three meetings a month for cadets.

He also is the primary flight instructor for four cadets, one who recently passed his flight exam for his private pilots license. Savage participated as a flight instructor at the National Flight Encampment in Oshkosh, Wis., last summer.

He, his son, cadet **Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Savage**, then-cadet **Master Sgt. Domenic Correggio III** flew the squadron's aircraft to Oshkosh for the activity. Savage also has been a tactical officer at the Massachusetts Wing Summer Encampments in 1994 and 1995.

Savage's love for flying goes back to his days as a cadet in the Revere Squadron, the predecessor to the Beverly Composite Squadron, and his first flight in an Aeronco Champ in 1957.

He eventually became a cadet commander before joining the Marine Corps, where he earned his wings and flew A-4s.

Savage is a very accomplished pilot, with more than 16,000 hours flying time in a variety of aircraft.

When not flying, Savage is special projects manager for Riso in Middleman. He is active in his church and likes to spend time with his family. His main interests are flying and computers. — **Capt. Larry A. Dunn**

New York — On Jan. 16 the

Rockland County Composite Squadron cadet commander **Staff Sgt. Michael T. Ariano**, Spring Valley, was promoted to technical sergeant. **Cadet Airman John P. Gallagher**, Pearl River, was promoted to airman 1st class. — **2nd Lt. April Heidrick**

Pennsylvania — Civil Air Patrol members from Torresdale Composite Squadron 111, Group 3, Pennsylvania Wing, brought Christmas joy to sick children at Jefferson Hospital. The toy drive started as an idea during General Assembly when **Capt. Raymond Oechslein** suggested that the squadron get involved with the community. The response was immediate and squadron members responded by acquiring approximately 75 toys for the children.

We contacted Jefferson Hospital staff members, who were ecstatic to have us distribute these toys to their patients. The hospital is located in Philadelphia's center city. On Dec. 19, members undertook the task of wrapping all of the gifts. **Cadet Flight Officer Cheryl Oechslein**, cadet **Technical Sgt. David Bechtel**, cadet **Sgt. Janet Miller**, cadet **Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Hornback**, cadet **Airman 1st Class Tara Edelman**, **Basic Elizabeth Allen** were assigned this job and it was completed as they listened to and sang Christmas carols. It was such a sight to see young men and women working together and actually feeling the true spirit of Christmas.

On Dec. 21, members loaded all the gifts and cadets into the van and traveled down Interstate 95. During the trip to the hospital the cadets were singing Christmas Carols and a spirit of Christmas was truly apparent. As we drove through center city, the cadets saw some of the homeless roaming the streets alongside hurried Christmas shoppers. The cadets said that they hoped someone will take care of these unfortunate homeless people. **1st Lt. Daniel Bechtel** and I told the cadets that all people are not as fortunate as others and that this is a real fact of life. We felt by giving to the

less fortunate and trying to make someone's life a little brighter would prove to show the true meaning of Christmas.

In Civil Air Patrol we always try to help, whether it be a downed pilot, a lost child, or someone who needs help from a natural disaster, but this help must come from the heart and the spirit that lives within us. In the CAP van on that cold advent night the spirit was alive and it was growing with a resolve. The cadets were determined that we were going to make a difference that night.

When we arrived at Jefferson Hospital, we were met by **Pat Wallace** who welcomed us with open arms. She could not believe how professional the cadets looked in their uniforms. Several comments were made by the staff about the appearance and conduct of the cadets.

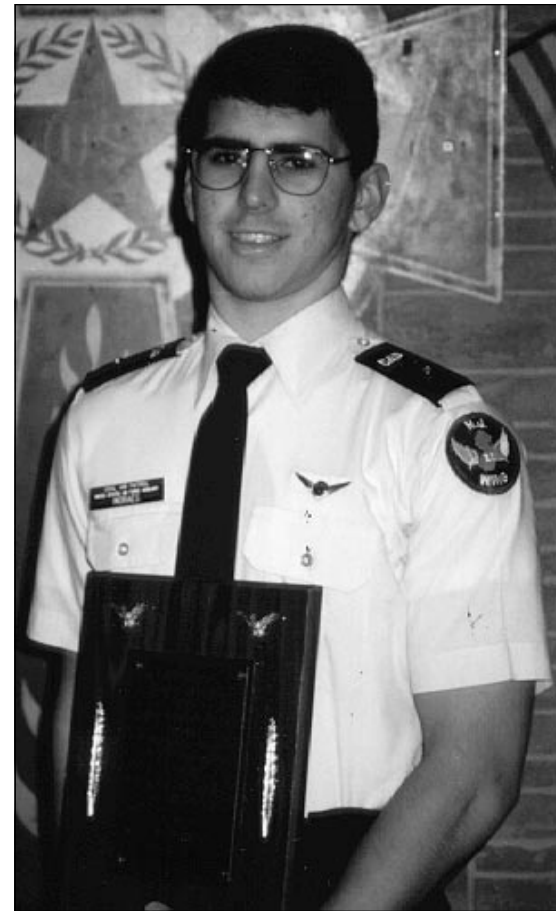
Wallace told us that the news media was contacted and we waited a short time for their arrival. They never appeared, so we gathered up our toys and proceeded to the pediatric floor to meet the recipients of our gifts.

We were introduced to the head nurse who guided us to the rooms. She told us some information about the patient and walked us into the room. The cadets saw some really sad children in these rooms and they wanted to spend as much time as they could with each child.

In one room the emotional feelings were too much for the parents and grandparents of a very sick little boy. They started to cry and kept asking us who we were. The mother hugged me while crying and said that we were angels sent from heaven. The feeling of seeing that sick child smile as he opened his gifts and the look of happiness and pride from my cadets made me realize that "Yes, Virginia, there really is a Santa Claus."

After we visited all of the children, we talked with the nursing staff and donated the remaining toys to their playroom for all of the children who have to spend time in the hospital. The fruits of our labor will continue to be felt throughout the year as children will experience joy while playing with "Santa's" toys.

ACADEMY BOUND



Cadet Jason Moraes, Central Jersey Composite Squadron, shows off one the many awards he's received from CAP. These days he has plenty of reason to smile — he has been accepted to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy.

As we were returning to headquarters, the cadets felt happy and satisfied about what they had done. They also learned about a side of life many of them had not experienced before. Yes, Christmas was a time for festivities and presents, but now they had felt the true spirit of Christmas and they had made little children happy.

I think this will last a lifetime for these cadets who are already planning for our next Christmas.

In these violent times, when all we read and hear about on the news are stories about young men and women hurting and killing each other, you never hear about the good that these young men and women do. These cadets performed the mission of Civil Air Patrol by helping others and by spreading goodwill. They demonstrated that there are young men and women who want and who do make a difference by touching the lives of unfortunate people at a time when they need kindness and love the most.

Some cadets were disappointed that the news media did not cover this story. We explained to them that we were not looking for glory, but that some good press about the good deeds that some young men and women were doing would have been beneficial.

In today's unsettled world, deeds like these do not make ratings, or sell newspapers. I guess this is another fact of life the cadets have learned. We told them that the feelings they felt the warmth, and reception from the staff and families of these sick children should be all of the glory they sought.

Pennsylvania — Clearfield

Mayor Jim Moyer signed a proclamation for CAP in Clearfield recently. The Proclamation was designed by the Marketing Directorate at CAP National Headquarters and is embossed with the corporate seal.

Squadron Commander Maj. James B. Brown, Public Affairs Officer **2nd Lt. Sue Phelan**, and cadet commander **John Burnett** signed their names alongside the mayor's.

As part of the CAP week celebration, displays were showcased at the Clearfield Court House, the Shaw Library, and Bob's Army and Navy Store. Local radio stations announced congratulations to the squadron. CAP week ended with an open House at the Clearfield Lawrence Airport. — **2nd Lt. Sue Phelan**

Middle East

Delaware — Bear/Glasgow Cadet Squadron Commander **Capt. Joseph A. Smith** has received the commander's commendation award for outstanding performance for 1995 and Delaware Wing senior member of the year.

North Carolina — On Feb. 7, command of Goldsboro Composite Squadron was passed from **Capt. Timothy Haun** to **2nd Lt. Billy Cline**. Haun, who served 18 years in CAP and 11 in the U.S. Air Force, received a commander's commendation for outstanding duty performance during his term as commander.

Cline, a 26-year Air Force veteran, actively works in



Massachusetts Senior Member of the Year Capt. David Savage shakes hands with Federal Aviation Administration Flight Examiner Rod Goreham while cadet 2nd Lt. Domenic Correggio II looks on.

Cadet Andrew Kerrigan, 111th Search and Rescue Squadron, learns CPR from a member of the 156th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, North Carolina Air National Guard. The Charlotte-based 111th conducts regular training with EMS professionals.



aerospace education and public affairs. He said the development of the Global Transpark in Kingston, a neighboring community, could add to the work load of the Goldsboro unit. The TransPark's role as a transportation hub would mean a dramatic increase in flight activity.

Capt. Kathy Haun also received a commander's commendation. The unit received a safety award for one year of accident-free operation from Jan. 1 -Dec. 31, 1994.

2nd Lt. Col. Woody Sulloway and **Maj. Wes Surratt**, North Carolina Wing staff, presented the awards and performed the ceremonies. — *1st Lt. George Lemke*

North Carolina — Members of the 111th Search and Rescue Squadron, recently held a training and competition day to keep Charlotte firefighters current in the use of missing-aircraft tracking equipment.

The day was divided into two sessions. The first, held indoors at Fire Station 17, was conducted by **Lt. Col. Wade McClure**, commander of the 111th and a 22-year CAP member, and **Lt. David Holbrook**, the 111th's communications officer. Firefighters learned how to use the "Lil' L-Per" hand-held tracker, which helps searchers locate a homing signal activated in the event of an aircraft crash.

Then, the firefighters went into the field to try their hand at finding a practice-signal transmitter hidden somewhere in the Station 17 response area. For this portion of the event, two C.F.D. teams raced against two teams of CAP cadets to be the first to locate the transmitter.

The final score: one find for CAP, one find for C.F.D. Not bad

for a group of volunteers competing against the pros, and the real winner is, of course, the community, which will be even better served by both agencies as a result this training.

Sixteen members of the 111th Search and Rescue Squadron received first-time or renewal certification in CPR and rescue-scene first-aid from members of the 156th aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, North Carolina Air National Guard.

The 111th conducts training events such as this on a regular basis. The goal is to ensure that members of the squadron have the best possible preparation for any emergency to which it may be asked to respond.

The squadron invites representatives from professional and volunteer emergency service agencies to speak to the group and to teach new skills.

This training session focused on the teenaged members of the cadet program. Once the cadets complete the requirements, they can work alongside senior members in lifesaving missions.

More than 50 teens and their parents attended a get-to-know CAP event as part of the Boy Scouts of America's Explorer program.

The event was chartered as an Explorer Post just under a year ago. The attendees for this open house had expressed interest in the kinds of activities offered by the CAP — training in emergency services, communications, preparing for a military career — on a questionnaire distributed by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system.

Becoming a partner with the BSA has had several benefits for the 111th, not the least of which is an increased recruiting base. It

also allows Scouting teens to continue to be part of the organization by working with adults in real-world situations. The Explorers offers CAP cadets facilities and activities outside of the CAP structure.

This is a unique arrangement. While police, fire and even hospital agencies have become Explorer Posts, it is not common for volunteer organizations such as the CAP squadrons to become posts. Squadron 111 looks forward to an exciting future of cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America. — *Lt. Scott Orr*

North Carolina — The Golden Eagle Composite Squadron recently held its annual awards ceremony at squadron headquarters in Mt. Pleasant. In addition to the squadron members, the event was attended by parents, school officials, educators, and prospects.

The awards were as follows: cadet **Airman 1st Class Amber Tinkham**, enlisted person of the year; cadet **Master Sgt. Aja Andreu**, cadet NCO of the year; cadet **Master Sgt. Chris Eudy**, excellence award, cadet **Lt. Col. Jonathan Almond**, cadet officer of the year; and **Maj. Bryan Campbell**, outstanding senior member of the year.

A new cadet award was initiated this year at the banquet and was presented to cadet **Master Sgt. Aja Andreu**. The new award (plaque and cash award) is in memory of **Lt. Ettamay Fox**, who was one of the original members when the squadron received its charter. The award is in recognition of truly outstanding service and dedication to the Golden Eagle Composite Squadron. — *1st Lt. Lamar Smith*

North Carolina — For the second consecutive year, the Golden Eagle Composite Squadron, headquartered at Mt. Pleasant, was asked to lead the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade in Salisbury.

The "Eagles" received rave

reviews from parade and public officials involved in the parade.

The honor guard and color guard consisted of cadets **Master Sgt. Aja Andreu**, **Master Sgt. Chris Eudy**, **Tech. Sgt. Juan Rodriguez**, **Tech. Sgt. Kevin Bost**, **Staff Sgt. Jason Werner**, and **Staff Sgt. Steven Voorheis**. Senior members in attendance were Squadron Commander **1st Lt. Lamar Smith**, **Lt. Col. Robert Fox**, **2nd Lt. Davis Wray**, **2nd Lt. Rusty Shaver**, and **2nd Lt. Christopher Poplin**.

The Eagles' participation in the parade served to strengthen public awareness, public acceptance and to serve as examples for others.

The Golden Eagle Composite Squadron recently received four IBM computers for use within the squadron. In addition to the regular computer function, two of the computers are scheduled to be adapted for "packet use," giving the Eagles a total of three packet units. — *Cadet Master Sgt. Aja Andreu*

North Carolina — The Chapel Hill Flight of Phillips Middle School marked its first anniversary recently with a plaque presented to Flight Commander **Capt. Barbara Pedersen** by Group V Commander **Maj. Timothy Cramer**.

Pedersen, a science teacher for the Chapel Hill school system, joined CAP in 1994. She immediately recognized the resources that CAP had to offer in the area of aerospace education and support network and a means to fill a void in the middle school science program.

Over the past year, the Chapel Hill Flight has successfully participated in a 4-H speaking contest in Pittsboro, returning with three winners. Flight members built and launched two rockets and a hot air balloon. Two cadets passed the CAP radio operations exam and received their ROP cards.

Membership has gone from four cadets to eight. The group

marched in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro Christmas parade in December and celebrated the New Year with a part for prospective recruits.

Plans for the coming year include more public speaking, developing a color guard, emphasis on aviation and additional search and rescue and communications training, and recruiting.

The group is co-led by Pedersen and **Lt. Joe Morris** with generous support provided the University of North Carolina Air Force ROTC cadets and **Chap. Royce Beacham** of the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron.

In addition to CAP activities, Pedersen also is a Ham operator (call sign KE4JZM) and chairs the Ham Radio Club at Phillips Middle School. Several cadets already are ham radio operators. Pedersen also was instrumental in getting WRAL-TV to place one of their School-Net weather observation and reporting stations in her science classroom last year. — *Carol Canady*

Southeast

Florida — There were many memorial services commemorating the 10th anniversary of the loss of the Space Shuttle challenger on Jan. 28, 1986, but none was so poignant as the one held at Kennedy Space Center — where the flight of the Challenger ended so tragically 10 years ago.

Capt. Kevin Keenan, Cadet Programs officers for Group 7, works at the Kennedy Space Center for McDonnell Douglas Space & Defense Systems. He contacted **Leslie Schoeneich**, program manager from the Astronauts Memorial Foundation to volunteer CAP services during the memorial service. She accepted his offer.

The Florida Wing was fortunate to have members from

VIRGINIA BEACH PROCLAMATION



Norfolk Composite Squadron Commander Capt. David Clark, center, and Capt. William S. Merritt look over Virginia Beach Mayor Merritt's shoulder while she signs a proclamation for CAP week.



Center, Capt. Kevin Keenan, Cadet Programs officers for Group 7, rounds up cadet volunteers to pass out programs for a 10-year commemorative ceremony for the space shuttle Challenger crew. Group 7 cadets helped out with the event Jan. 28 at the Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Groups 6 and 7 participating in this event. Group 7 representatives included: cadets **Sgt. Ramon Escapa**, **Sgt. Ben Kersker**, **2nd Lt. Scott Walters**, **2nd Lt. Ross Quarnoccio**, **2nd Lt. Richard Guziak**, and senior members **Capt. Kevin Kennan**, **Lt. Col. John O'Reilly**, **Lt. Col. Nancy Gwinn** and **Col. Ralph Gwinn**. Cadet **Master Sgt. Shane Turner** and **2nd Lt. Trish Turner** representative Group 6. These volunteers provided crowd control and handed out programs.

The memorial service was impressive, with the presentation of colors by the Patrick Air Force Base color guard. One guard stood holding a memorial wreath so that the strong winds wouldn't blow it away. Guest speakers included **George R. Faenza**, McDonnell Douglas vice president and general manager; **Loren J. Shriver**, former astronaut and NASA manager; **Bruce Jarvis**, father of Challenger crew member **Greg Jarvis**; **Bill Nelson**, former astronaut; and **Alan Helman**, founder of the Astronauts Memorial Foundation.

The highlight of service was a flyover of T-38s from the 50th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The planes flew the missing man formation, followed by 73 seconds of silence in honor of the Challenger crew. Many bowed their heads and tears flowed freely as the crowd remembered 11:39 a.m., Jan. 28, 1986.

A week after the service, Capt. Keenan received a letter from Schoeneich, thanking CAP members for assisting in the event. The letter read: "Please express our appreciation to the members of the Civil Air Patrol for their help and support. They should be commended for their dedication and professionalism." Specially-designed patches commemorating the memorial service were included with the letter as well as programs for each participant.



Florida — On Dec. 8-10, 28 Group 6 cadets attended a survival and motivational field training exercise at Moss Park, near Orlando.

Capt. Jayson Jenkins, Sabal Cadet Squadron and **1st Lt. Linda Leali**, McCoy Cadet Squadron, served as senior project officers for the exercise.

Cadet Maj. John Russo performed duties as cadet commander.

Cadets from Daytona Beach, Orlando, Sabala, McCoy and Osceola took part in the training. For some members, the exercise provided their first experience working in the woods. Cadet **Master Sgt. Davis Weaver** and cadet **Flight Officer Jo Ann Johnston** commanded the two squadrons of cadets. Cadets **Master Sgts. Murtice Tucker, David Tier, Jason Jimenez** and cadet **Staff Sgts. Holly Hamidi** and **Remon Ghatas** served as flight sergeants.

The cadets arrived Friday evening and set up camp. Their first activity was night navigation, where they had to find flags that were positioned earlier by the staff. All flags were found within the allotted time.

On Saturday morning, **2nd Lt. Donald Murheid** conducted an emergency service class. The cadets then participated in team leadership exercises. In the afternoon, the cadets were tested on their new knowledge, with 26 cadets passing the test.

That night everyone participated in a night survival hike, where each cadet was equipped with a compass, canteen and directions back to the camp. They were dropped off about three-quarters of a mile from camp. The first cadet returned in a half hour and the rest found their way back within an hour.

Group 6 is really working hard to train their cadets and senior members as ground team members. More field training exercises are planned for 1996.

— **2nd Lt. Trish Turner**

Florida — "Target sighted" was the radio message from Civil Air Patrol aircraft during a search and rescue training mission for the Marco Island and Naples squadrons. The exercise was conducted at the Marco Island Executive Airport.

Thirty-seven senior members and cadets from the Marco Island and Naples squadrons participated in the 10-hour mission, using three aircraft and one ground search vehicle.

Personnel checked in at 7 a.m. and were briefed by Mission Coordinator **Monte Lazarus** that a search would be initiated for a "missing" Cessna 152, white and red aircraft with two people on board. The hypothetical plane radioed a "May Day" distress call at 5:45 a.m. and reported they were 12 miles southeast of Marco Island. Friday evening, satellites detected an emergency locator transmitter signal in the Marco area. Since this emergency signal preceded the missing aircraft's time of departure, members concluded that the two incidents were unrelated.

Eight flights with three person crews flew one-half mile parallel tracks in the search grid and each crew successfully found the "missing" aircraft. The electronic locator transmitter signal was then tracked by the aircrews and a ground team using directional finder instruments and the signal was pinpointed by each.

"Search and rescue proficiency is only achieved through continuous training," said Mission Coordinator **Lazarus**. "The level of training was intense and all participants received an outstanding evaluation rating," said Air Operations Director **Robert Thomas**.

"Safety is our No. 1 priority at all times," added Marco Commander **Donn May**. "Our ground support officers, air crews and cadets all performed professionally and efficiently. This type of mission is an imperative so that each member can maintain an instant-launch capability. Nearly every CAP mission is a life or death circumstance and every second is precious toward saving lives. Continuous training makes possible our ability to fulfill the CAP motto — 'So that others may live.'" — **Maj. S. Buddy Harris**

Florida — Group Three headquarters held an awards banquet at the MacDill Officers Club recently.

Maj. Gen. James McCombes, U.S. Special Operations Command, presented CAP's highest cadet award — the Carl A. Spaatz Award — to cadet **Col. Trista Waterstraw**. Waterstraw has been named cadet of the year many times and is a McCoy Award recipient. She also has served as chairman of the Cadet Advisory Council and as cadet commander for AirFests at MacDill Air Force Base. Waterstraw attended Cadet Officer School, Air Training Command Familiarization, and International Air Cadet Exchange to Japan. She is currently attending the University of South Florida.

A commander's commenda-

tion was presented to **Maj. Pat Shafer**, Apollo Beach Cadet Squadron. Other awards are as follows: Hillsboro-1 Air Rescue Squadron, squadron of the year; **Lt. William Westcott Sr.**, squadron commander of the year; **Capt. Fernando Corbacho**, officer of the year.

Cadet **Lt. Col. William Westcott Jr.** was named cadet of the year and **Lt. Col. Virginia Cullity**, outstanding staff member.

Guest speaker **Col. Patrick Sakole**, commander 6th Air Base Wing, spoke of the unique bond between the Air Force and Civil Air Patrol, having grown up together from the days of the Army Air Corps and coastal patrols, to today where CAP pilots fly more than 130,000 hours each year and provide almost 90 percent of all inland search and rescue missions in the United States.

Former CAP National Commander Brig. Gen. William Cass, Florida Wing Commander **Col. George Pringle** and CAP Group Commander **Maj. Arnie Glauser** also attended the banquet. **Chap. Lt. Col. Harold Johnson** performed the invocation and benediction.



During the awards banquet, two command levels changed commanders. **Maj. Arnie Glauser** passed the flag and command of Hillsboro-1 Air Rescue Squadron from **Capt. Robert Ashman** to Group Three's **Capt. Fernando Corbacho**.

Florida Wing Commander **Col. George Pringle** passed the flag and command of Group Three from **Maj. Arnie Glauser** to **Capt. Robert Ashman**.

Glauser received a Glauser Coat of Arms presented by Heraldry Master **Ted Dobbs**, who was dressed in a military traditional Scottish kilt, complete with ribbons, pleated dress shirt and bow tie. Dobbs is public affairs officer for Venice Cadet Squadron. — **Capt. Bob Vail**

Georgia — Enthusiasm is building at the Peachtree City Falcon Field Composite Squadron. Achievements for 1995 included selection as Georgia Wing squadron of the year for 1994; a color guard who escorted

the former **President Jimmy Carter** as grand marshal of the local Independence Day Parade; eight cadets who participated in national encampments; six Mitchell awards; and a growing number of members. Squadron Commander, **Capt. Phil Casha** hopes to surpass last year's successes by involving senior members in completing the Yeager Aerospace Award and expanding the cadet orientation flight program.

In January, 14 cadets and two seniors added to festivities at the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday ceremony at the state capitol in Atlanta. The squadron color guard opened the ceremony and all participated in the ringing of the Liberty Bell.

Georgia — Members from the Dekalb County Cadet Squadron and the PDK Senior Squadron conducted a joint exercise in North Georgia on Jan. 27-28. The exercise consisted of four senior members (**1st Lt. Hughey**, **2nd Lt. Thomas**, senior member **Clark**) and eight cadets (**Adams**, **Allen**, **MacBain**, **McGraw**, **Monroe**, **Stetler**, **Thomas**, **Westfall**).

The aircrew from PDK Senior squadron consisted of **1st Lt. Charlie Clement** and **1st Lt. Ron DeeWees**. Also participating in the exercise were three guests (**Maj. Tom Johnson**, **Rod Dawson** and **Kaled Sediqui**). Dawson was a prior cadet commander at Dekalb and is now a nationally certified paramedic working with the Gwinnett County FD. Dawson taught a class on patient assessment and night operations. Sediqui is also a former cadet and currently a Dekalb County police officer.

Sediqui taught classes on movement techniques and night search operations. Other classes taught were basic and advanced directional finding use, crash site procedures and Line Search Techniques. The major thrust of the exercise was directional finding training during the day and night hours.

The most challenging portion of the exercise was a simulated emergency locator transmitter mission on Saturday night. The emergency locator transmitter was placed without any members



A FINAL SALUTE

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of the ground team (including the evaluator) knowing where it was. An aircraft from PDK was scrambled at 8:30 p.m. and sent north to track the signal. The ground team began tracking the signal at the same time. Members of the ground team gained a great appreciation for the difficulty of tracking an emergency locator transmitter in mountainous terrain at night. A special vehicle strobe was used to mark the position of the ground team so the aircrew could see them. The mission culminated in a find on the ground at 1 a.m. Sunday morning. The emergency locator transmitter was located approximately 400 meters from the nearest dirt road.

On Sunday afternoon the team located another simulated crash with survivor.

They were able to practice their crash site procedures and first aid.

This is the second time that the PDK Senior Squadron has sent an aircraft up to north Georgia to work with our ground team. It has really given us a positive impression of the aircrews and an appreciation of just how powerful a team you can have when both air and ground work together. —Ken Hughy

Georgia — Capt. Alex Toussaint, Gwinnett County Composite Squadron, has been awarded the National Commander's Coin recognizing his superior performance on behalf of the CAP Cadet Program.

Toussaint joined CAP in 1980 as a cadet, rising to the rank of flight officer. After serving three years in the U.S. Army as a recon team leader, Toussaint resumed his CAP career in 1988. He has served as Gwinnett's deputy commander for cadets for the past three years, and it was the cadets who pursued this award for him to recognize the 45-50 hours a week he devotes to the program.

He established a basic flight into which new cadet members are placed. In this setting they learn fundamentals such as drill,

customs and courtesies and basic land survival. After completing the six-part program, cadets are placed into the advanced flight to continue their cadet careers.

A seasoned ground team leader, Toussaint recently qualified as a mission coordinator. He has placed renewed emphasis on emergency services training. Currently, 12 cadets have earned, or are pursuing, ground team qualification, while 10 cadets have earned scanner ratings. Field training exercises are conducted monthly, accompanied by a mobile kitchen, providing cadets with at least one hot meal each day. To encourage family support, family training exercises also are held.

In the past three years, the Gwinnett Squadron was Georgia Wing's squadron of the year in 1992, and recognized as squadron of merit for three consecutive years. Six cadets have received service academy appointments, 12 have gone into military service, one was named as Georgia Wing and Southeast Region cadet of the year, and two have earned the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz award.

Toussaint shares the credit for the development of the Gwinnett Cadet Program with the support he has received from the squadron's commander and staff officers, the assistance of the senior members who work with the Cadet Program, the involvement of the senior members who work with the cadet program, the involvement and support of parents, and most of all, the cadets themselves. "I couldn't have done this without them."

— 1st Lt. Rick Williamson

Tennessee — Cadets and seniors of the Hardin Composite Squadron, Savannah, are constructing radio-controlled aircraft with a wingspan of 4 feet.

Squadron Commander Montile Warren and senior member Kenneth Hill have guided cadets David Brown, Candice Bearden, Scottie Harbin, Jerrod Hunley, Matt Helton, Clinton Jerolds and Andrew Welrich in constructing the radio-controlled aircraft.

Senior member Rachel Zurinsky also has dedicated many hours to the project.

The group plans to fly the model aircraft at the Savannah-Hardin County Airport. — Alfred L. Nilsson



Arizona — On Jan. 27, cadets and seniors from Squadron 30 represented CAP on national television in the Super Bowl Parada Del Sol in Scottsdale. The parade, which was 1½-miles long, was led by the cadet color guard from Falcon Composite Squadron in Mesa. The guard was commanded by cadet Master Sgt. Ruiz, who carried the U.S. flag, and included Airman Basic Saum, who carried the Arizona state flag; cadet Sgt. Wilson, the Air Force flag; and cadet Sgt. Smith, the CAP flag. Cadet Basic Airman Gad and Stuart served as junior and senior guards, respectively. The cadet color guard was asked to carry the Air Force flag by the color guard at Luke Air Force Base, who were unable to attend the parade.

The color guard was accompanied by a large flight of CAP cadets from around the Arizona Wing. Squadron 305 cadets participating in the flight were cadet Airmen Basics Baxter, Jeff Connolly, Jared Connolly, Tanner Hagan; Airman 1st Class Earnst; and cadet 2nd Lts. Callaway and Topliss. The cadets' participation was summed up by the 305 Deputy Commander for Cadets 2nd Lt. Jeff Turner: "Awesome."

"The cadets marched flawlessly and represented the squadron well," said cadet Sgt. Smith.

The performance was an outstanding display of pride, determination and discipline from all those who participated. Without the help of some adult

NEW DIRECTION



Louisiana cadets Will Morrison, Paul Braud and Jason LeBoeuf practice direction finding skills during their unit's first-of-the-year search and rescue exercise Jan. 20-21 in Hammond, La.

volunteers, it would not have been possible. A big thank you goes out to Mr. Topliss, Mrs. Smith and 2nd Lt. Turner for their efforts in putting this activity together. — 2nd Lt. Mindy Hughes

Texas — As pilots, we often watch seagulls — their slim white bodies and long slender wings supporting them in seemingly endless flight — or hawks circling lazily above a field on a summer's day. And we wonder: what is it like to be so free — free of the need for an engine to continuously provide power; nearly free of the forces of gravity that pull our aircraft back to the ground ... always too soon.

The answer to some of that wondering arrived last weekend; as members of the Lakeshore Composite Squadron, Rockwall, Texas, made a field trip to visit the operations of Southwest Soaring at the Caddo Mills, Texas, airport to learn about non-powered flight. And for one lucky CAP cadet, winner of an essay contest on the art of soaring, the answer was to be "up close and personal".

We were met by Ms. Carol Walker, a lady with bright blue eyes, a big smile, and the credentials of a certified flight instructor for gliders. With over 2,000 hours in the air, she has a lot of knowledge; and quickly set about the task of sharing it with the cadets. Using hand-drawn illustrations, she explained the principles of soaring: thermal lift and how to find it by watching for cumulus clouds or soaring birds, glide ratios, and more. "The glide ratio on the sailplane we'll be using today" Carol explained, "is 36:1; that means for every 1,000 feet of altitude we could travel almost 7 miles." That is 3-4 times greater than the Cessna 172 with which CAP members are so familiar, she said. Then it was

time for the group to get a closer look at the aircraft.

Walker showed the group several types, including a motor glider that uses its own 85hp engine for takeoff and climb, then converts to a glider as the engine is shut off and the propeller blades flipped parallel to the wings. Most of the time was spent inspecting the Grob-103, a dual-place craft that is used for instructional flights. Its extremely sleek lines, long tapered wings and shiny white fiberglass skin make it look very much akin to the soaring seagull; even as it sat on the ground. Because sailplanes are so aerodynamic, Walker said, they can be launched by towing behind a vehicle as well as by being towed aloft by another aircraft.

Walker pointed out the sailplane's instruments. Some, like the altimeter and airspeed indicator, were familiar to the group; others, like the Total Energy Probe, were unique. The probe measures variations in climb rate more accurately by compensating for the pilot's flight control movements. This is important to help the pilot determine the characteristics of thermals that may provide additional lift, allowing the sailplane to stay aloft longer. "It's a constant process", she explained, "to maintain the best possible LOD (lift over drag ratio) to extend the flight". One of the 'instruments' was a piece of bright-colored yarn attached to the front of the canopy, which Walker explained was a form of backup turn coordinator. "Keep the yarn straight up the center of the canopy and you're in a coordinated turn; if it points left or right, you're yawing in the opposite direction," she said.

Each cadet had the opportunity to sit in the cockpit and get a feel for the controls. Cadet Captain John Paul Robertson

From left, Hardin Composite Squadron cadets Rachel Zurinsky, Candice Bearden and Clinton Jerolds read instructions for building model airplanes.



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compared the tailored closeness and reclined seat to a sleek sports car. Walker agreed; "It's almost like you 'wear' this aircraft, rather than sitting in it". She asked Cadet Airman Tom Fuston to deploy the spoilers; metal fences hidden in the wings that pop up to spoil lift and act as "speed brakes" — slowing the aircraft's forward motion and increasing its rate of descent. They are used primarily for control during landings. "Again, because of the aerodynamics", Walker explained, "a very proficient pilot can land at walking speed and stop on something the size of a blanket."

Lt. Col. Steve Scott, Lakeshore Composite Squadron commander, asked Ms. Walker about aerobatic capabilities. "Although these aircraft look fragile", Walker said, "they can handle loads of 4.5G positive and 3G negative (a G is one times the force of gravity; at 3G, a 10-pound object feels like it weighs 30 pounds) — enough for loops, wingovers, and so on". She went on to tell the group that there are sailplanes manufactured specifically for the high stress levels of aerobatics, but that those are not as efficient for the malling or long-range flights.

The sailplane was rolled out of the hangar; the tow plane warmed up and taxied into position. It was time for essay-winning Cadet Staff Sergeant Robert Rothman to experience the thrill of soaring. With Cadet Rothman in the front seat, Walker assumed the role of back seat driver in the dual-place sailplane — giving Rothman instruction on the proper visual

positioning of the nose and rudder pedals and how to follow the Piper Pawnee tow plane off the ground at takeoff. A "thumbs up" signaled the tow plane to begin its takeoff roll.

In less than a hundred feet, the Grob was airborne; lifting off smoothly and turning slightly into the wind. The pair climbed into the clear blue sky, making a few gentle turns while working toward the release altitude of 3,000 feet. Then Rothman reached down and pulled the yellow nose hook handle to free the Grob from its tether. "Without the constant pull of the tow plane", Rothman said, "it seemed like we just stopped in midair. I looked down and we were barely moving relative to the ground."

Walker then talked Cadet Rothman through a series of turns, stalls and other maneuvers. "The positive Gs (experienced when pulling out of a dive) almost made it hard to breathe", Rothman explained after the flight, "it was like being on a supersized roller coaster. But my favorite", he exclaimed, "was at the top of the accelerated stall — there was no wind noise at all, and we just hung there! It seemed like a lot longer than a few seconds." (Note: in an accelerated stall, the pilot dives to gain airspeed then raises the nose sharply and holds it high until airspeed reaches zero.) After about 20 minutes of flight, the Grob circled the field and made a smooth landing. Cadet Rothman emerged with a big smile on his face, but one big complaint: "It was way too short!"

The flight for the essay contest winner was donated by Mary



Cadet Basic Daniel Puder helps Cadet Seaman James Stephenson negotiate a wall on the Leadership Reaction Course during a passing rainstorm.

Williams, owner of Southwest Soaring. Essays written by the three cadet finalists will be on display there this month. Introductory sailplane rides are available for as little as \$40. For information on introductory rides (starting at just \$40) or instruction, call (214) 445-6842; or visit Southwest Soaring at the Caddo Mills airport off Highway 66 just west of town.

The field trip was led by Lt. Col. Steve A. Scott, commander of the Lakeshore Composite Squadron and U.S. Air Force Reserve Capt. Terry Meisinger. Cadets attending were Robert Rothman, Brandi Oaks, Tim Fuston, and John Paul Robertson. John Nicholas and senior members Robert Wieneke and Capt. Barbara Robertson accompanied the group. — *Robert Wieneke*

Texas — Rocky Mountain and Southwest regions will again jointly sponsor the Adm. Grace Hopper Computer School at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. The school will begin Sunday, June 23 and end Saturday, June 29, 1996.

The school is designed to instruct senior members in the Emergency Services Resource Management Program adopted by national headquarters. It will provide instruction in Packet Radio Communications, and introduce senior members to the Internet and other advances in technology, with a goal of producing a smarter, not harder working member.

Knowledge gained will help the senior member develop skills useful not only in CAP, but in the business world.

Housing will be at the Air Force Academy Prep School, with meals at the award-winning Prep School Dining Facility. Classes and computer lab are held in Arnold Hall. Recreation time and tours of the academy are built into the schedule so that you may explore this excellent facility. The total cost for materials, housing, food and activities will be \$100.

To apply for this school, submit one CAP Form 17 through channels (Unit, Wing, Rocky Mountain Region) and submit another with a deposit of \$25 and a CAP Form 60 to the director, Lt. Col. Larry Nelson, 983 Redway Lane, Houston, TX 77062-4319. For further information, call Nelson at 713-486-5087 or e-mail at LarryN2759@aol.com.

Thirty-four CAP members attended the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center Search and Rescue Management Course, hosted by Southwest Region at Sugarland Composite Squadron. Four members of Oklahoma Wing participated with the students from Texas.

During this two day course, students learned about the national search and rescue plan, the SARSAT-COSPAS system, AFRCC's role, SAR agreements and SAR resources. Additional instruction in Mission Duty Positions, Data Gathering, Strategy, and Tactics were presented. This new knowledge was applied by the students in a Tabletop exercise. This course meets the training requirements for the Mission Coordinator Emergency Services specialty.

Staff Sgt. Scott Mounger and Staff Sgt. Oliver Greene, AFRCC controllers, were the lead instructors. Assisting with the tabletop exercise was the project officer, Capt. William Posey, Ft. Bend Composite Squadron; Lt. Col. Fred Deyeso, Texas Wing director of emergency services; and Lt. Col. Larry Nelson, Ellington Composite Squadron.

Host support was provided by Sugarland Composite Squadron members 1st Lt. Jack Roberts, Flight Officer Dennis Nall Jr., and Flight Officer Scott McLennan. Audiovisual assistance was provided by Coast Guard Air Station -Houston and ATCS Alan Taylor, USCG, a student in the class and a member of Ellington Composite Squadron. — *Lt. Col. Larry Nelson*

Texas — Justin A. Hlavacek, Wichita Falls, has been promoted

to cadet airman. He is a member of the Wichita Falls Composite Squadron that meets at Sheppard Air Force Base.

Cadet Airman 1st Class Michael Bowman was named cadet of the quarter for the Wichita Falls Composite Squadron. — *2nd Lt. James Aldridge*



California —

On Jan. 21, after being drenched in a Pacific rainstorm, 18 CAP cadets and 20 U.S. Naval Sea cadets graduated from the first annual Junior Leadership Camp.

The Junior Leadership Camp was conducted by the U.S. Army Reserve's 380th Military Police, Criminal Investigations Detachment. The camp was held at Camp Parks Reserve Forces Training area just each of Oakland.

The 18 CAP cadets came from three squadrons in the San Francisco Bay area — Almaden Valley Cadet Squadron 17, East Bay Cadet Squadron 18, and John J. Montgomery Memorial Cadet Squadron 36. The 20 Sea cadets represented four northern California Sea Cadet units. It was the first time that both organizations joined together for a weekend training exercise in the bay area. The Sea Cadets and the CAP cadets were placed into combined platoons for the weekend, increasing their exposure to each other with the opportunity to make new friends.

The Junior leadership Camp was the brainchild of Capt. Steven Gutierrez, the commander of the 380th. Gutierrez's two children are CAP members and former Sea Cadets. He wanted to bring the two organizations together to provide leadership training for both groups.

"In order for them to be



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PHILLIP C. SALEETT -- Please contact me at the following address: Lt. Col. Larry D. Smith, Rt. 2, Box 188, Bluefield, W.V. 24701. I am the commander of the Mercer County Composite Squadron (formerly Green Valley Composite Squadron in Bluefield, W.V.).

SEARCHING FOR VIDEOTAPE of the Brig. Gen. Barry/Brig. Gen. Anderson change of command ceremony in August 1993 (San Diego). If you can help, please contact Jim Tynan at (334) 953-5700 or cap-news-editor@cap.af.mil (e-mail).

CAP IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY OF TEXAS: Need former CAP members from Texas to share with us your memories of the CAP in the Rio Grande Valley, especially from 1941 to 1961. For an oral history program, we would like to tape record and preserve your experiences during CAP's early years.

We are also seeking photos, papers, memorabilia and CAP insignia, either as donations or on temporary loan to copy or photograph in order to portray this period more accurately. Contact 1st Lt. Shirley MacDougall, 955 S. Minnesota ave., Brownsville, TX 78521; phone 210-542-5303 or fax 210-542-5303.

CAP UNIT AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES PATCHES: Need CAP unit and special activities patches to be part of the CAP display each May at the Andrews AFB, Md., Armed Forces Day Open House. The two-day open house is the nation's largest and attracts more than 900,000 people. Be sure your unit is represented! For more details, please call Lt. Col. A. William Schell Jr. at (410) 273-6610 or write to him at 403 Grayslake Way, Aberdeen, MD 21001.

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successful," Gutierrez, says, "they have to work as teams."

"Again," he continues, "they are broken down as squads, where the squads have been integrated with CAP and Sea Cadet members. The objective behind that is we want these young cadets to realize the importance that, yes, you can have competitive attitudes among different military branches, however, the end result is that we have to work together in order to accomplish the goal, the task, the mission."

Ten of the 380th's NCOs and privates provided the leadership role models and instructors for the cadets. Sgt. 1st Class McLloyd, Sgt. Crowse, and Specialist Brewer served as principal instructors. In addition, Gutierrez brought cadet 1st Lt. Frank Lief of the U.S. Army ROTC to help direct the cadets over the course of the weekend.

Cadets started their weekend training with a 5:15 a.m. reveille, followed by formation and 45 minutes of vigorous Army calisthenics to prepare them for the rest of the day. Following morning chow, the cadets, under the command of cadet Flight Officer Courtenay Scalia, marched to the classroom facilities, where personnel from the 380th were waiting.

The cadets received several hours of instruction in map reading, terrain features, land navigation principles, and compass usage. After noon chow, the cadets were then transported out onto the Land navigation Range in the hills of Camp Parks.

The two cadet platoons were broken down into their respective individual squads with the goal of locating four cement markers spread out in the hills in the shortest amount of time. With their new knowledge, cadets were given only a compass and information sheet with pace counts and magnetic headings to help guide them. With escorts from both the 380th and the senior members from the CAP and Sea Cadets accompanying them, the six squads took azimuth readings and started moving out.

Under clouds that threatened rain all day, each cadet was given the opportunity to use the compass and lead the squad while searching for the markers. Using teamwork with their new-found knowledge, it was cadet Staff Sgt. Patrick Horn's fifth squad that located all four points and returned in the quickest time.

Sunday morning saw a repeat of the vigorous physical training and then a classroom lecture on the principle of leadership by Gutierrez to help prepare for their next challenge. The cadets were then marched out the Leadership Reaction Course, a six-station course that features obstacles designed to challenge individual teams.

Again working as squads, each team had 20 minutes to complete each obstacle on the leadership Reaction Course. This had caused some concern for Gutierrez, but under the strict observation of the 380th, no



Far left, CAP Executive Director Col. Paul J. Albano Sr. presents cadet Maj. Heidi K. Wilson, Moanalua Squadron, with the Hawaii Wing cadet of the year award.



Left, CAP-U.S. Air Force Commander Wes Padgett Jr. greets CAP members at the Hawaii Wing's 50th anniversary celebration.

cadet was injured on the course, despite being drenched in a passing rain storm. While not all the teams completed the difficult obstacles in the allotted time, each team came together, despite the rivalry between the Sea Cadets and the CAP cadets.

The weekend was completed Sunday afternoon with a graduation ceremony for the cadets. Several cadets were selected for their outstanding leadership over the weekend and were recognized in the graduation ceremony. Cadet Petty Officer Ryan Falcon of the Sea Cadets was recognized as the

California — The John J. Montgomery Cadet Squadron 36, hosted a youth leader from Estonia recently. Mr. Ott Rootaare is a physical education teacher from Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. Rootaare also leads the young Eagles, a youth organization similar to our Boy Scouts. Rootaare visited the squadron at San Jose's Reid-Hillview airport, on the first stop of his eight-week leadership observing activities of youth groups in the United States.

The Rotary Club of San Jose, sponsors the leadership course, with some assistance from local Estonian groups. The San Jose Boy Scouts are his local host. The Estonian American Benevolent Society, Baltimore, Md., facilitates the program, acting to identify suitable candidates and make travel arrangements. Rootaare, the first candidate chosen, will observe the Boy Scout and CAP organizations to gain knowledge to refine Estonian scouting activities. He plans to start an Air Cadet program in his country.

At this time, Estonia has no Air Force, only civilian airplanes. The aviation-minded residents have similar concerns to our CAP regarding teaching and promoting aviation and space.

Squadron cadets, under the leadership of Cadet Commander Sgt. Patrick home, demonstrated Phase I inspection for Rootaare and his American guide, Neino Jogis. 1st Lt. Michael Weidman, director of cadets for Group Two, and Lt. Col. Steve Hedge, Pacific Region, served as CAP guides for

the air. Both Jogis and Rootaare attended the Cadet Advisory Council meeting at Group Two headquarters, Moffert Field, later in the week.

Heino Jogis, acting like an ambassador between his former homeland and U.S. groups, is helping coordinate and host the tour. He first came from Estonia to the United States as a refugee in 1949. After becoming an Americana citizen, Jogis served in the U.S. Air Force, working for the 42nd Defense Wing, helping to establish the Distant Early Warning system for the Air Defense Command. After his Air Force career and graduation from the University of California, he began his career as a civil engineer. — *Capt. Sally Mason*

Hawaii — The warm Hawaiian weather finally greeted the members of Pacific Region with a sunny day, after a week of rain and flooding.

The Pacific Region Commanders call was held at Hake Koa Waikiki with commanders of Pacific Region and staff. In attendance were: Col. John Lewis, Col. John Parrish Jr., Lt. Col. Julie Maier, Capt. Verna Parris; California Wing Commander Col. Angelo Porco, Alaska Wing Commander Col. Michael Panone, Washington Wing Commander Col. Douglas Jones, Hawaii Wing Commander

Col. Roger Caires, Nevada Wing Commander Col. Phil Brown, Nevada Wing Vice Commander Maj. Carl Carothers, National Executive Director Col. Paul Albano Sr., CAP-U.S. Air Force Commander Col. Wes Padgett Jr., CAP-U.S. Air Force Liaison Region Commander Col. Terry Obermiller, Hawaii Wing CAP-U.S. Air Force Liaison Officer Chief Master Sgt. Leslie Kellum, and Hawaii Wing Vice Commander Lt. Col. Melvin Souza.

Guests included Col. Herbert Kaneshige, Lt. Col. Able Correia, Lt. Col. Gerald Toyomura, and Lt. Col. Robert S. Fujimoto.

The Hawaii Wing 50th anniversary award banquet was held Jan. 27 at the Tripler Officers Club, Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu.

This Aloha attire affair started at 6 p.m. with a no-host cocktail and a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. The master of ceremony for the evening was Hawaii Wing Lt. Col. Melvin Souza.

Special guests included Deputy Director of Public Works Darwin Hamamoto, Hawaii National Guard representative Col. Gerald Aoki, Air Force Col. Gerry Wolfe, and Drug Enforcement Agency special agents Bobby Aiu and Sidney Hayakawa.

Award recipients were as follows: Cadet Maj. Heidi K. Wilson, cadet of the year; Lt. Col.

William N. Rapozo, senior member of the year; Capt. Norma Greenleaf, squadron commander of the year, Lyman Field Composite Squadron, squadron of the year, 1st Lt. Michael J. Kufrovich, communicator of the year, 1st Lt. Donald C. Machad Jr., safety officer of the year; Lt. Col. Robert S. Fujimoto, public affairs officer of the year; Maj. Richard Hirakami, aerospace award; Lt. Col. Richard Pickens, commander trophy; 1st Lt. Steven B. Christian, mission observer. Special awards also were presented by representatives from the Drug Enforcement Agency. — *Col. Herbert T. Kaneshige*

Nevada — Capt. Jerome Johnson, training officer of the Reno Composite Squadron, orchestrated a professional Corporate Leadership Course in December with an instructor team from both the Reno Composite Squadron and Nevada Wing.

The course was strongly attended by CAP members from the Truckee, South Lake Tahoe, Yerington, Carson City Composite and Reno Composite squadrons.

The Reno Composite Squadron begins the new year with a new commanding officer. Lt. Col. Emery Cushing, formerly of the Nevada Wing and Nellis Squadron, has assumed command. Cushing replaces outgoing

NAVIGATION TIPS



Washington Wing cadets and seniors look on as 1st Lt. Jason McMahon explains how a GPS works in his land navigation class at the Washington Training Center at Camp Murray.

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commander Capt. Robert Barrington.

Washington — Three cadet members of the Olympia Composite Squadron recently received congressional nominations to the U.S. Air Force Academy. Stephanie Badowski and Matthew Purtee were selected by Representative Linda Smith. Brandon Leifer was nominated by Representative Randy Tate. All three cadets underwent a demanding evaluation process concluding with selection boards chaired by the representatives. The nominees now await their notification of final appointment.

Stephanie Badowski is a senior at N. Thurston High School. In addition to her Civil Air Patrol experience, she had three years of Air Force Junior ROTC at Anchor Bay High School, Selfridge, Mich. There, she was cadet operations officer and was recognized for distinguished service in preparation for an Air Force inspection of the unit. At N. Thurston, she has maintained a near-perfect academic record and participated in cross-country track. Her parents are Steve and Gale Badowski.

Cadet Badowski was considered by the Air Force Association Liaison Officer to be the best candidate in Thurston County. That includes eight high schools. My own observation of her is that she is a truly outstanding individual whom I expect to be an outstanding cadet at the academy and an outstanding young officer, come 2001. Her AFJROTC experience is very evident, and her performance in this squadron is impeccable.

Matthew Purtee is a senior at Capital High School and a four-year member of the Olympia Cadet Squadron. He was also nominated for the Merchant Marine Academy and the Air Force Academy Preparatory School. Purtee was most recently cadet commander in the Olympia Squadron and commander of the Washington Wing Winter Encampment at Fairchild Air Force Base. He is the son of David and Karen Purtee.

The commander notes: "I have watched Cadet Purtee for nearly four years, as he progressed from a 'newbie' to cadet Lt. Col. striking for his Spaatz. His personal poise and performance has developed dramatically, and he only recently handed over the cadet command, after 18 months. He was recognized as the outstanding cadet in Washington Wing for 1995, and was cadet commander at the 1995 winter encampment. In 1995, he also went to the National Cadet Officer School and the Air Education and Training Command Familiarization Course. He has intense drive and dedication to CAP and, I believe, will be close to the top of his academy class through sheer determination, if nothing else. He, too, will be a young officer who is a valuable addition to any unit."

Brandon Leifer, a senior at Rainier High School, is a two-year member of CAP. He represented the unit in February, 1995, at the National Youth Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. Leifer

is president of the senior class and the National Honor Society at Rainier, and a member of the wrestling and baseball teams for three years. His parents are Mike and Mitzi Leifer.

The commander notes: "Cadet Leifer is a two-year member of the squadron. He has a polished, mature style that will stand him well in the academy and later, as an officer. He is one who epitomizes the 'whole man' concept that the Air Force values. A grade point average in the high 3s, president of the Honor Society and of his senior class, and letters in three sports. He also participated in the National Defense Youth Leadership Forum in the spring of 1995, where he was exposed to people and information that I, as an Air Force major or LTC, would have been very fortunate to have."

The Olympia Composite Squadron is extremely proud of these three outstanding individuals. Through their accomplishments, they are excellent representatives of the entire cadet corps of 35 active members.

The three nominees are each very fine young people who have made the highest accomplishments through dedication, drive, and a strong sense of responsibility. — Lt. Col. John C. Taylor

Rocky Mountain

Colorado — Cadet Captain Nate Keethler,

Cadet Commander of the Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron, was presented the Daedalian Foundation Flight Scholarship in a special ceremony at Peterson Air Force Base on Jan. 11.

The presentation of the award by Rocky Mountain Region Commander Col. Kirkwood and CAP-U.S. Air Force Rocky Mountain Commander Col. Ross Bradie was very significant for Nate and his family. It was presented just minutes after the ceremony promoting Nate's father, Lt. Col. Gregory Keethler, to full colonel. Immediately after the presentation to Nate, Keethler assumed command of the 21st Support Group of Peterson Air Force Base. Keethler is also the senior member commander of the Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron and a mission scanner.

The Order of Daedalians was created in 1934 to honor, as its Founder Members, all World War I aviators who were commissioned as officers and rated as military pilots no later than the Armistice on 11 November 1918. The awards program encourages patriotism, integrity, and good character in our nation's youth; military careers as pilots; safety of flight; excellence in the performance of military duties and education in aerospace disciplines.

These flight scholarships are named in recognition of General Lucas V. Beau and his preeminent role in the growth and



Wisconsin Wing cadets look on as others ready their balloons for competition at AE95, the aerospace activities weekend sponsored by Southeast Wisconsin Squadron 12.

development of the Civil Air Patrol and in recognition of his being a Charter Member of the Order of Daedalians.

Normally the Daedalian Foundation awards only 5 scholarships per year; but they were so impressed by Nate's qualifications and career goals that tradition was broken and a unanimous vote was taken to award Nate the sixth \$2,100 flight scholarship. Nate plans to put the money to good use as he prepares for his private pilot's license exam, with 53 flight hours to his credit. Nate soloed in July of '95 at the Colorado Wing Flight activity and is now working toward his goal of flying for CAP once he turns 18 and entering the Air Force Academy, after which he hopes to go to pilot training.

Nate has been involved in CAP for 2½ years and is completing his last semester of high school. Since joining the CAP, Nate has held numerous leadership positions in his squadron, culminating in his selection as Commander this past August. He is also the vice chairman of the Colorado Wing Cadet Advisory Council and served as cadet commander of the flight encampment activity. Nate has achieved the Billy Mitchell award, the Amelia Earheart Award, and received a commander's commendation for his participation in the presidential visit last May. Nate is also an Air Force Academy candidate, one of CAP primary nominees for the Air Force Academy Prep School, and his squadron's nominee for Colorado Wing's Cadet of the year.

Nate was especially elated at the significance of this ceremony. He was also thrilled that the Daedalian Foundation broke tradition to award the scholarship, and the presentation of the award in the midst of his father's promotion and change of command ceremonies was very special to him. Present at the ceremony were both sets of grandparents, Nate's older brother, his mother, Colorado Wing Commander Col. Tobey,

Colorado Liaison Officer Lt. Col. Payne, Group III Commander Maj. Caraway, and a large number of CAP members and cadets. Also in attendance were a large number of military personnel from Peterson Air Force Base and the 21st space wing. Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Gerald F. Perryman presided at the ceremonies. Nate and his father joined CAP together 2½ years ago looking for a father-son activity as well as something to spark and develop Nate, who has had a lifelong interest in aviation.

"CAP lends itself very well to a family orientation. You can be together but in your own special 'space' within CAP. Nate was 15 when he joined CAP and very much of a non-challenged 'couch potato'. I was very concerned about his future. CAP has completely turned Nate around and given him leadership skills and a desire for self-improvement that has permeated all aspects of his life. Nate has gone from being third string on the junior varsity football squad and barely maintaining a C average in school to earning straight As in his studies and lettering two years in a row as a varsity football starter. These lessons and skills will stay with Nate all his life. He is simply living proof of what CAP can do for young men and women."

Nate continues to put CAP at the top of his list of activities. "CAP is one of the few programs

I have been in that gives back as much as you put into it. There is more leadership training in CAP than the student council, team captain, and other school leadership programs combined. There is always someone in CAP ready to help me achieve my goals". — Cindy Dixon Butler

North Central

Montana — Cadet 2nd Lt. Rachelle Fisher was presented the

Billy Mitchell award by retired Air Force Lt. Col. and CAP liaison officer Kenneth Lamkin.

As a special surprise, she received a letter of congratulations from Sen. Conrad Burns. In the letter, he commended her on her efforts in CAP and encouraged her to pursue an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Fisher shared the spotlight with cadets Master Sgt. Brauer, Airman 1st Class Wes Kilpatrick and Basic Airman Michael Roy, who received promotions to their present grades. — 1st Lt. Stuart D. Smith

Minnesota — Crow Squadron cadets Susan Loveland, Crosslake, Quay Spaid, Pequot Lakes, and Tom Dobrzynski,

Cadet Rachelle Fisher, left, receives the Billy Mitchell Award from retired Air Force Lt. Col. Kenneth Lamkin.



Brainerd, were promoted to flight officer-second lieutenants during a commissioning ceremony on Feb. 19. This trio is the group of cadets commissioned since 1990.

Crow Squadron Commander Maj. Howard Pihlaja officiated at the ceremony at Park United Methodist Church in Brainerd. Air Force Col. Tom Palkie, commander of the 148th Wing Minnesota Air National Guard, was the keynote speaker. Group II Commander Capt. John Hengel, St. Cloud, presented Billy Mitchell awards to cadets who completed the requirements.



Illinois — The Illinois Wing Packet Committee met Feb. 18 to discuss the accomplishments during the past several months and to plot out future plans. Committee members talked about plans for training more packet operations, with particular emphasis on a variety of the equipment and software.

Members taking part in the discussion included Group 4 Communications Officers Lt. Col. Weldon Oetken, Group 14 Communications Officer Capt. John Rudd, Illinois Wing Director of Communications Lt. Col. James Weiland, Group 14 Commander Maj. Ray Paulin, Palatine Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Ken Newbanks, Group 22 Communications Officers 1st Lt. Pat Ryan, and Group 4 staff member Maj. Fred Wujek. — *Lt. Col. James P. Weiland*

Ohio — In April 1995, Group I of the Ohio Wing held a radiation accident exercise in conjunction with Hamilton County emergency services and Brown County Hospital and sheriff's department. Members of Group I isolated, detected, monitored and cordoned off simulated radioactive debris.

The Brown County EMS team decontaminated, treated and

hospitalized "victims" who were subjected to radiation that leaked during a simulated plane crash. Mission pilots and observers also conducted aerial monitoring and visual reconnaissance at the Grant Lake site.

The exercise was very successful. Prior to the exercise, 25 personnel had completed the class in radiation monitoring and the training was completed by applying the principles in a real world scenario. A great deal of information and practical knowledge was obtained from the exercise.

Group I's logistics and communications sections proved equal to the task and earned the respect of emergency services officials from Hamilton and Brown counties. Cooperation among the civilian agencies and CAP was excellent and gave Group I command great confidence that a real emergency of the type simulated by this exercise would be controlled and resolved in a safe and expedient fashion. — *Tim Craigmyle*

Wisconsin — AE95, the aerospace activities weekend sponsored by the Southeast Wisconsin Squadron, was described as a resounding success. Held again this year at CAP facilities in Oshkosh, the AE weekend is a chance for seniors and cadets to put their knowledge and skills to work.

This year, a combination of Aerospace Education goals and Drug Demand Reduction Programs paid off. Sixty cadets and seniors participated in the two-day event that featured briefings on aerospace careers and the effects of drug abuse has on job and career performance.

AE95 also mixed in refreshers on the forces of flight, basic aerodynamics, model construction techniques and safety. Everyone, seniors and cadets, designed, built and flew a range of aircraft for competition.

First came paper airplanes. There were the regular folder darts, the intricate F-14s, bi-wings and tubes. These were followed by the paper and balsa wood

aircraft. The standard model was the Delta Dart, featured in the CAP Depot catalog. No one was limited to this design and the room filled with experimental successes and non-flying prototypes.

While most of the activities involved individual designs, two — the quiz bowl and the hot air balloons — required teamwork to succeed. Eight teams worked together in building and flying the hot air balloons. The competition in this category was a major highlight of the day. The balloons, powered by a stationary charcoal burner, each attempted two flights. The time and distance this year set records of over 2.5 minute duration and greater than a half mile travel. These are estimates since we lost sight of the balloon as it landed behind the trees.

For inspiration, the kite competition was the best. Winds were almost nonexistent. Skill and tenacity alone kept the 50 kites high against a bright-blue sky and cadets learned just how fast seniors can run when kite flying is going on. The kite competition itself was canceled — the judges were having too much fun flying their own kites.

The group also scheduled tours of the EAA Museum, orientation flights in C-172s provided by the Waukesha and Fox Cities Composite squadrons. For seniors, observer training flights were aided to the agenda. The biggest portion of flying came from the 440th Airlift Wing, based as Milwaukee's Mitchell Field. For the eighth year, the wing provided airlift for members from Milwaukee to Oshkosh and back. This permitted more cadets to attend than if they had to rely on ground transportation. This also gave us a chance to add weather and navigation briefings so most of the cadets received credit for two military aircraft orientation flights.

As of this writing, we are planning to stage AE96 in September. Model rocketry might get its chance this year. Or maybe something yet to be suggested. — *Libbie Curry*

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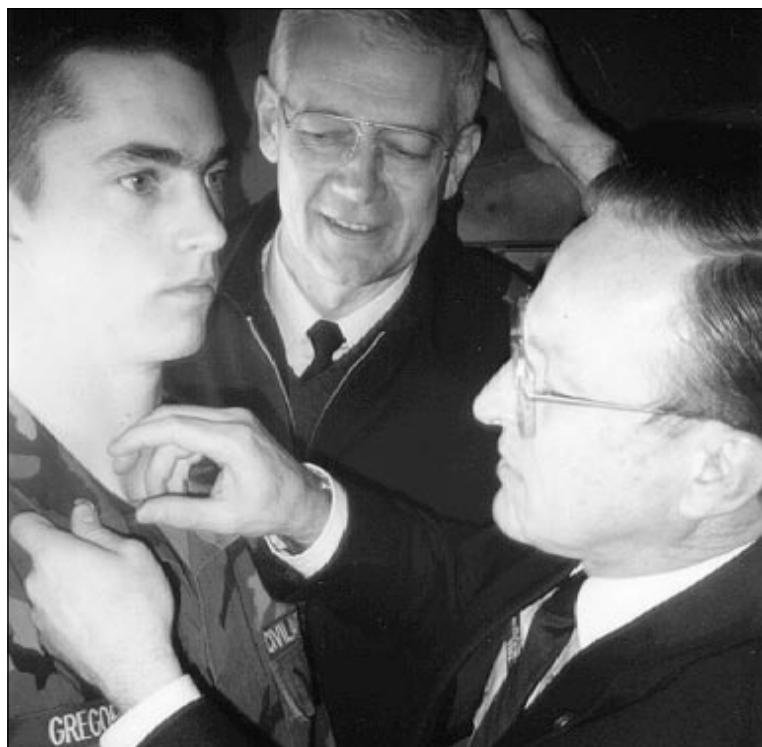
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